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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, 2 days ago, the House adopted unanimously a motion to instruct the conferees on H.R. 1 that stipulated that the text of the language of the non-stimulus bill must be available for 48 hours prior to the conferees signing off on the bill.

Can the Speaker apprise the House as to the availability of that text at this point?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Further inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, will the House know the timing for the vote to be scheduled on H.R. 1 and whether or not this text will be available for the 48 hours stipulated in the motion to instruct unanimously adopted by the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not advise on scheduling decisions.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. So the Speaker is not aware of whether or not that text will be available 48 hours prior to the vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is not involved in scheduling decisions, and Members should consult their leadership.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, is it the Chair's responsibility to call the vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is the presiding officer for the proceedings of the House.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. WESTMORELAND. So it is not your responsibility to call for a vote,

an electronic vote or a voice vote, but you call for the vote of the bill that is on the calendar; is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Scheduling decisions are made by the leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

CONGRATULATING THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 110) congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record 6th Super Bowl title.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 110

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl XLIII by defeating the Arizona Cardinals 27 to 23 in Tampa, Florida, on February 1, 2009, winning their second Super Bowl championship in 4 years;

Whereas with this victory the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise has set a new National Football League standard for most Super Bowl victories with their record 6th Super Bowl championship;

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers went 15-4 against the hardest-ranked 2008-2009 schedule in the NFL and defeated the San Diego Chargers, Baltimore Ravens, and Arizona Cardinals during their record-setting post season run;

Whereas linebacker James Harrison returned a goal line interception 100 yards for the longest play in Super Bowl history;

Whereas quarterback Ben Roethlisberger went 21-30 for 256 yards and led the team down the field for the 19th and most important 4th quarter comeback of his career;

Whereas wide receiver Santonio Holmes won the Super Bowl MVP award with a 9-catch, 131-yard performance, including the game-winning touchdown in the corner of the endzone with 35 seconds left in the game;

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers new "Steel Curtain" defense, including stars James Harrison, Ryan Clark, Troy Polamalu, James Farrior, Ike Taylor, Larry Foote, Casey Hampton, LaMarr Woodley, Brett Keisel, Deshaea Townsend, and Aaron Smith were ranked first in the NFL in overall team defense for the 2008-2009 season;

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers defense during the 2008-2009 season allowed the least points scored, lowest average passing yards per game, and the least overall yards per game in the entire NFL;

Whereas head coach Mike Tomlin is the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl championship and has continued in the legendary tradition of head coaches Chuck Noll and

Bill Cowher by bringing a Super Bowl championship to Pittsburgh;

Whereas linebacker James Harrison was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year for the 2008-2009 season;

Whereas team owner Dan Rooney and team President Art Rooney II, the son and grandson, respectively, of Pittsburgh Steelers founder Art Rooney, have remarkable loyalty to Steelers fans and the City of Pittsburgh, and have assembled an exceptional team of players, coaches, and staff that made achieving a championship possible;

Whereas the Pittsburgh Steelers fan base, known as "Steeler Nation", was ranked in August 2008 by ESPN.com as the best in the NFL, citing their current streak of 299 consecutive sold out games going back to the 1972 season; and

Whereas, for 76 years, the people of the City of Pittsburgh have seen themselves in the grit, tenacity, and success of the Pittsburgh Steelers franchise, and they proudly join the team in celebrating their NFL record 6th Super Bowl championship: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the National Football League Champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and setting a new championship standard for the entire NFL.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia, and on behalf of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I'm pleased to join my colleagues from the State of Pennsylvania, even though this may be a little painful for me as a New England Patriots fan, but I do heartily join them in congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers in the consideration of House Res. 110, which provides for the recognition of the National Football League's champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and for becoming, indeed, the most successful franchise in NFL history by capturing their sixth Super Bowl title. I also want to take this opportunity to welcome our new ranking member, Mr. CHAFFETZ from Utah, in his new role as ranking member of the committee.

House Resolution 110 was introduced by Representative MIKE DOYLE of Pennsylvania, of Pittsburgh, on February 3, 2009, and currently has the support of over 60 Members in cosponsorship, including myself. Also through the courtesy of Chairman TOWNS, the measure has been considered and approved by the Oversight Committee

and now comes to the House floor as a means of highlighting the Steelers' successful 2008–2009 NFL season and their Super Bowl victory.

Mr. Speaker, the Pittsburgh Steelers stand as one of sporting history's greatest franchise stories. Founded back in 1933 during the heyday of Pittsburgh's steel-producing era by the legendary Art Rooney, or who many refer to as "The Chief," the Steelers are the fifth oldest NFL franchise. And as a result of their remarkable win against the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII, the Steelers are now the most successful NFL team with six Super Bowl rings.

Led by Coach Mike Tomlin, the youngest coach to capture the coveted Lombardi trophy, the Steelers road to Super Bowl XLIII was lined with its fair share of advancements and challenges as the Steelers moved through the hardest ranked 2008–2009 NFL schedule, a road that I must mention, came through Foxboro, Massachusetts, the home of my beloved New England Patriots. And that road ended in Tampa Bay, Florida, with the unforgettable game winning touchdown pass from Ben Roethlisberger to Antonio Holmes in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter.

For this accomplishment, Mr. Speaker, we stand to commend the Pittsburgh Steelers, their franchise, their organization, the players, coaches and the Rooney family, and of course, the supportive fans that make up the "Steeler Nation," on a job well done. As the city of Pittsburgh and its surrounding countryside continue to celebrate its 250th anniversary, I'm certain that the Steelers win in Super Bowl XLIII only adds to the occasion of such a historical landmark.

In closing, I urge adoption of House Resolution 110.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 110, congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XLIII and becoming the most successful franchise in NFL history with their record sixth Super Bowl title.

Mr. Speaker, the Steelers 27–23 victory over the Arizona Cardinals in Tampa, Florida, on February 1, 2009, marked a truly historic moment in NFL history in several ways. The victory marked the sixth Super Bowl win for the Steelers, giving them more Super Bowl titles than any other team in the history of the National Football League. It also gave rise to a new nickname for the storied franchise that has many nicknames, "Sixburgh."

This is the first Super Bowl win for Coach Mike Tomlin, who became the youngest coach in NFL history to win the championship game. In only his second season as the Steelers head coach, he joins the ranks of other legendary Steelers coaches, Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher.

This epic win came against a dangerous and surprising underdog. This is

the first appearance in franchise history for the Arizona Cardinals. The unlikely Super Bowl contender shook off their reputation as being one of the most dysfunctional teams in the NFL. The Cardinals soared through the NFC playoffs, which ended with a convincing win over the heavily fortified Philadelphia Eagles.

In a game marked by miraculous receptions and tremendous plays, who could forget one of the most exciting, and longest, plays in Super Bowl history? With Arizona on the Pittsburgh 2 yard line, poised to take a 14–10 lead with 18 seconds left in the first half, Pittsburgh linebacker, James Harrison, the NFL's defensive MVP, picked off Kurt Warner's pass at the Pittsburgh goal line. Harrison rumbled and stumbled 100 yards for a Steelers touchdown and a 17–7 half-time lead.

While Pittsburgh largely outplayed Arizona for most of the game, the hopes of the Cardinals fans took flight when Kurt Warner hit receiver Larry Fitzgerald for a 64-yard touchdown pass putting the Cardinals up 23–20 with 2:37 left in the game. But those hopes came crashing to the ground when Steelers quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, engineered a 78-yard drive culminating in a touchdown pass to Antonio Holmes, who made a stunning, acrobatic catch with 35 seconds left to give the Steelers the lead and, after a stalled Cardinals drive, their historic sixth Lombardi trophy.

Regardless of who you were rooting for, this was widely regarded as one of the greatest Super Bowl games in recent memory, and the fans at home agreed. According to Nielsen Media Research data, the game had 151.6 million viewers, which made it the most-viewed program in television history.

With that, I would like to congratulate the owners of the Steelers, the great Rooney family, my colleague, Mr. ROONEY, from Florida, the coaches and players as well as "Steeler Nation" and the legions of Terrible Towel waving fans in Pittsburgh and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, at this point, I would like to yield to the chief sponsor of this resolution, the gentleman from Pittsburgh, MIKE DOYLE, for 5 minutes.

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I was hoping that I would get 6 minutes, 1 minute for each Super Bowl. But we will settle for 5. I can't tell you how courageous it is to hear my good friend and colleague, Mr. LYNCH, a New England Patriot fan, have to stand up here on the House floor and say such wonderful things about the Pittsburgh Steelers. I'm sure this is going to hurt him back home in his district. And STEVE, I appreciate those gracious words.

This was a gritty team. In the beginning of the season, not too many people picked the Pittsburgh Steelers to be in the Super Bowl. We were said to

have the toughest schedule in the NFL. And there was some talk that we might not even win our division. Cleveland was seen as the up-and-coming team in our division, and with the schedule, things just didn't look like they were going to fall in place with the Steelers.

We had a young coach, Mike Tomlin, 36 years old. He has only been head coach for a couple of years. And Pittsburgh just wasn't one of the teams mentioned when you talked about who is going to be in the Super Bowl. But this was a gritty team, emblematic of the people they play for, the people of the city of Pittsburgh. And they finished the season with a 12–4 record.

When you look at the four toughest schedules in the NFL, three of those four teams didn't finish with winning records. Only one did, the Pittsburgh Steelers. And they did it behind the Nation's best defense, the number one defense in the NFL, the Pittsburgh Steelers. We went on to beat the San Diego Chargers and the Baltimore Ravens to get into the Super Bowl. And then one of the most exciting games I have ever seen in my lifetime, and I have watched lots of Steeler football, and I want to compliment the Arizona Cardinals, that team played a great game. I don't think many people mentioned the Arizona Cardinals when it came to who was going to be in the Super Bowl either. And they deserve a lot of credit for the way they played that game and how hard they fought.

Pittsburgh really dominated them for quite some time, and they came back in the fourth quarter. And for a while, it looked like we didn't know what hit us. But then, as Ben Roethlisberger has done 18 other times in his career, he took the Steelers down on a final drive to win the ball game with just 35 seconds left as Antonio Holmes made a catch that was ballerina like in the way he was able to keep his two feet in bounds. And when we first saw it on television, it looked like he was out of bounds. But the replay clearly showed that he had caught that ball. So Pittsburgh now has been in seven Super Bowls. We have won six of them.

As someone who has been born and raised in Pittsburgh, my grandparents, when they came from Ireland and Italy, they ended up in the little town of Pittsburgh. We've been there ever since. I can tell you that this is a blue collar team, a team that plays with grit, determination and character. And that character is emblematic of the ownership of the Steelers, the Rooney family. There isn't a better family in football. And the Steelers played because of the way the Rooney family has set the standard for that. We are privileged in the House of Representatives to have the grandson of the founder of the Pittsburgh Steelers here, and one of my chief cosponsors of the bill.

So along with the entire Pennsylvania delegation, my colleagues, TIM MURPHY and JASON ALTMIRE, we want

to congratulate the Rooney family. We want to congratulate the people of the city of Pittsburgh. This team epitomizes the tough, resilient spirit of the city of Pittsburgh in southwestern Pennsylvania. I'm proud to represent these folks. And I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing six-time Super Bowl champs, the Pittsburgh Steelers, on the occasion of this latest victory.

Mr. Speaker, do I have any time left?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 1½ minutes remaining.

Mr. DOYLE. I normally don't yield to people from cities that have sore losers. But my good friend, Mr. STUPAK, who represents the Green Bay Packers, has asked for some time to dispute the resolution. And I guess in the spirit of camaraderie, I will yield him some time.

Mr. STUPAK. I thank the gentleman for yielding and thank him for his friendship.

As you know, I have been to Pittsburgh. We went to the new stadium in Pittsburgh when the Steelers played. When they opened up the new stadium, we were there. I congratulate the Pittsburgh Steelers on their sixth Super Bowl ring and their championship this year. But the last part of your resolution, and every football fan knows, that the standard for the entire NFL for championships is the Green Bay Packers with 13, with 13.

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So I would ask the gentleman, you don't want to lower the standard, obviously, that we should recognize the fact that the standard for championships, as your resolution says, in the entire NFL belongs to the Green Bay Packers, and not to my other nice team, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

So I just want to make note of it that I think all of us being football fans recognize the fact that the standard for NFL championships is with the Green Bay Packers.

Mr. DOYLE. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I would just say to my good friend from Green Bay, I feel your pain. I understand what it's like to be on the losing end. You know, Pittsburgh went through 40 years of teams that didn't have winning records, so we understand how it feels to be a Green Bay fan.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to my distinguished colleague from the State of Florida (Mr. ROONEY).

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, thank you to Congressman DOYLE for sponsoring this bill. You know, it's not really in our family's disposition to sort of brag on itself, but given the opportunity that I have as a new Member of this Congress and the accomplishments that we've had, I'll do so briefly.

Our old quarterback, Terry Bradshaw, called my grandfather, Art Rooney, a good king. But for 40 years, MIKE, as you said, the Pittsburgh

Steelers never won. And then the chief, who founded the team in 1933, saw his team win four Super Bowls in the 1970s, before he died in 1988. Now, we have two more in the last couple of years, and that's six, more than any team ever. I know my grandfather is up there in heaven looking down, smiling, smoking a cigar. I miss him every day, and I love him very much.

Michael, Dan, and my cousin, Artie, have done a great job carrying his torch, but the other owners in my family who are part of this team, my Uncle Art, who scouted all those players you saw play in the 1970s that won four Lombardi trophies, my Uncle Tim of New York, my Uncle John of Philadelphia, my dad, Pat Rooney, Sr. of Florida, and the McGinleys, all "North Siders" of Pittsburgh, but all make up the ownership of the Pittsburgh Steelers and play a role in who the Rooneys are and how they conduct business.

Instilled by my grandfather, the secret of the success of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Rooney family is, quite simply, patience, humility, faith, trust in our coaches and our players, but most importantly, defense. Defense.

I want to say congratulations to our coaches, Mike Tomlin and Dick LeBeau, who should be in the Hall of Fame, our front office, our players, Glades Central High School MVP Antonio Holmes, James Harrison, with the longest touchdown in Super Bowl history. But most of all to Steeler Nation, get ready for Number 7 in 2009.

Go Steelers.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to yield 2 minutes to Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pittsburgh Steelers on their historic sixth Super Bowl victory. In a game that was exciting down to the last minute, the Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII on Sunday, February 1, 2009.

Now, I want to deliver a special note of congratulations to the head coach of the team, Mike Tomlin. Coach Tomlin is a native of the Third Congressional District of Virginia. He's a product of the Newport News public schools, graduating from Denbigh High School in 1990. Mike was a 3-year starter at the College of William and Mary football team, and graduated from the college in 1994.

Mike's dedication to coaching at the professional level places him in the pantheon of great coaches that the Steelers have had over the last 53 years, including Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher.

But what many people do not know about Coach Tomlin is that his dedication to coaching comes from the impact that coaches and other role models have had in his life. His biggest role model was his stepfather, who came into his life at the age of six and, according to Tomlin, taught him what it

was to be a man. In describing the impact his father had on him, Mike said, and I quote, "I had big dreams when I was a child. But without my dad, those dreams might not have come true. He brought stability to my life. He made my world a safe place in which to think, to learn, and yes, to dream. I would not be coaching the Steelers in the Super Bowl today if it weren't for the man who walked into my life when I was a young boy and became my dad."

Mike has never forgotten the impact his father had on him and has dedicated himself to be that kind of role model, both to his immediate family, and in the community.

And now, Madam Speaker, I include the following article entitled "Coach Makes a Difference for Many on the Peninsula; Those who know him say Mike Tomlin relishes his status as a role model" for the RECORD to highlight the work that Mike has done in his hometown community. It was published in the Daily Press on February 1.

I'd like to once again congratulate Coach Tomlin and the entire Pittsburgh Steelers team on their historic victory.

COACH MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR MANY ON PENINSULA—THOSE WHO KNOW HIM SAY MIKE TOMLIN RELISHES HIS STATUS AS A ROLE MODEL

(By Dave Fairbank)

Larry Orie watched Mike Tomlin grow up. Saw him play youth sports. Attended his football games at Denbigh High and later at William and Mary.

A close friend of Tomlin's parents since high school, Orie followed Tomlin's coaching career when he reached the National Football League. He attended games and visited Tomlin at professional coaching stops in Tampa, Minnesota and now as head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"What I find about him is he's the same all the time," said Orie, a retired Newport News fire chief. "He's constant. He wants to give back to the community. He's a role model, even for older folks like me. * * * He definitely wants to be a role model for the community, especially for where he came from."

That's why Orie, in his capacity as vice president for membership of the 100 Black Men of the Virginia Peninsula, recommended that the organization recognize Tomlin during its annual gala in April.

"Larry said, 'This is a great guy,'" chapter President Everett Browning said. "He's not just a football coach. This is a person we want our kids to know about and model their lives after."

Tomlin—who will attempt to become the youngest head coach to win a Super Bowl today, when the Steelers face the Arizona Cardinals—was the first sports figure selected as Role Model of the Year in the 16 years of the local chapter of 100 Black Men, the national organization dedicated to improving the lives and opportunities of young blacks.

The group usually honors business, political and community leaders, all of whom have longer resumes than the 36-year-old Tomlin. In the past, it has recognized such figures as former Gov. Doug Wilder, U.S. Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott Jr. and Hampton University President William Harvey.

After spending time around Tomlin on that April day, Browning was convinced that the group had chosen wisely. What sold Browning wasn't Tomlin's demeanor and message

the night of the affair but an appearance that morning.

Tomlin spoke to more than 100 high school and middle school students at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center in downtown Newport News, where Browning said the coach was sincere, humble and inspirational.

"He said, 'Twenty years ago, I was you guys, sitting down in the audience,'" Browning remembered. "A high school student, listening to people trying to tell me about life and the things you need to do to be successful. Let me tell you, what people are telling you is the truth."

Browning said of Tomlin, "He said he lived his life by the code of being a hard worker, of being true to one's self and realizing if you want to get ahead, you have to make sacrifices. I was just elated to hear him say those things to the students."

Tomlin doesn't need a black-tie gala or a proclamation in his honor to return to the Peninsula, either.

He took a couple of days' vacation time this past summer and drove from Pittsburgh to attend the Peninsula All-Star Football Camp, the annual affair staged by Hampton native and NFL Players Association communications director Carl Francis.

"I was shocked, but I wasn't shocked," Francis said, "if you know what I mean."

Tomlin didn't simply put in an appearance and stand in the shade, sipping Gatorade. He was on the field at Christopher Newport University, bouncing around, working up a sweat, coaching kids and chattering endlessly.

"You could see he was excited to be around kids and talk football," said Bethel High coach Jeff Nelson, who also worked the camp. "Sometimes you see a head coach of a big-time program or an NFL team in a setting like that, and you get the feeling that they're above everybody. With him, he was like one of the kids, running around and coaching. Kids feed off that."

Francis said, "I am tremendously grateful to Mike for what he's done for me and our camp. His humility and generosity are genuine. He's a caring person. There is no armor on Mike."

Francis' football camp is part of his work with the Hampton Roads Youth Foundation. He remembered that almost two years ago, he had a conversation with Tomlin—shortly after Tomlin became Steelers head coach—about the camp and about lining up speakers for the foundation's annual pre-camp banquet.

"I was using him as a sounding board," Francis said. "I didn't ask him to do anything, and he said, 'Carl, why don't I just do it?'"

"I was like, 'Mike, look, you're a new head coach. You've got a million things on your plate. He said, 'No, no, no. Let's get it done. Just tell me when and where, and I'll be there.'"

Tomlin makes an impression, whether it's speaking to kids in a community center or in the NFL, where he has led the Steelers to the playoffs in both his years as a head coach.

"I think he's very important," Francis said.

"I don't know that our area really understands the magnitude of what he's doing and how he's perceived.

"If you listen to people around the National Football League, all the way up to the commissioner's office, they'll tell you that he's made a tremendous impact around the league. His maturity and his ability to communicate with people is remarkable."

Tomlin, a father of three, has expanded his charitable work to the Pittsburgh area.

He has participated in charity events there and is a member of the group All Pro Dad, an organization with deep NFL ties that helps men become better fathers.

"Most of the kids looking up to athletes think that there's a possibility that they can get there," Orie said, "but there's a lot more that don't get there than do. But having Mike as another alternative—it's just like Mr. Obama being the president now—a kid can look up and say, 'I can do that.'"

"He's a good role model because everyone that aspires to be an athlete is not going to be one, and he's an example that you don't have to be one to have a good life and have an impact on people."

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to my distinguished colleague from the State of Pennsylvania (Mr. TIM MURPHY).

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, MIKE DOYLE from Pittsburgh, for introducing this resolution and helping the Nation know once again what this towel means.

The six pack, Six-burgh, six Lombardi trophies, six Super Bowl wins, six Super Bowl rings, the only team to have achieved that landmark status.

The incredible Super Bowl XLIII champions, from Roethlisberger to Polamalu to Holmes to Miller to Ward to Harrison, a super team that brings pride to Pittsburgh, to Pennsylvania and professional football.

But there is a back story here that needs to be told. How is it that the Steelers are able to do so much? After all, other cities have great teams and great talent. What happens here with this team that unites them so closely with the city and its fans, it's also the Steeler Nation.

First, has to be their attitude about winning, the attitude about pushing themselves harder each week, of playing not just the 60 minutes on the field till the last second ticks off the clock, but playing hard in their practice and being part of the community. It's about that drive to do better each time; knowing that the line for excellence keeps moving up, whatever or wherever it is, you've got to get there. Period. And that's what they do.

Second, it's about trust and loyalty. This is a team that raises loyalty and trust to a whole new standard. Three coaches only in the last 30 years; the Rooney family owning the team from the start, that not only stays loyal to their hometown of Pittsburgh, where it works to make the town better for their charitable work and quiet leadership. The players trust the coaches and the owners to do the right thing and the best thing. The fans in the city trust the team, and the loyalty shows every Sunday in football season when the black and gold terrible towel waves proudly at every stadium for every game, wherever the Steeler Nation is.

Third, know this: The Steelers aren't just a team, and it's not just a game. They represent the people and our hearts. They aren't some players on the field that we passively watch. We are there on the field with them, and they are with us. During that couple of hours every autumn Sunday, we can dream and we know that all together,

we can make dreams come true. This ain't fantasy football. It's the real thing. It's what we believe in. It's what we expect. It's what we all do. And that's why they win.

In the 1970s, Pittsburgh was feeling the pains of the steel industry hurting. But the Steelers were winning. The steel mills were closing down, but the Steelers were winning. The steel jobs were disappearing, but the Steelers were winning. When Pittsburgh was struggling the most, the Steelers were winning the most. Four Super Bowls in the 1970s. We saw and we believed that no matter what, we could still work together and make it, the 11 players on the field and the 12th player all over the country.

And here we are again, a fifth Super Bowl just a few years ago and a sixth a few weeks ago. Again, we may be struggling in our town, in our Nation, but the Steelers find a way to win. The Nation may be hoping we can, but the Steelers Nation know we can and we do. The talent and tenacity of tens of thousands of Terrible Towel wielding fans make it happen.

And the way the Steelers won Super Bowl XLIII was the way we win, fourth quarter, behind in the score, but with an on-the-money throw, a long reach, a fingertip catch and by the tip of the toes, a touchdown that puts them ahead. And that's how they win, and they do it with class.

This is not just the Pittsburgh Steelers. They're the Steelers that are symbolic of our Nation. Being behind doesn't mean you give up. Losing a game doesn't mean you slink off in the sunset and write off the season. Like our Nation, we will keep at it and fight, time and time over again until we win. That's when we play as a team, all with the same goal and determination. We can, we do, we will. Not just champions for the City of Pittsburgh, but for our Nation. Taking a page from their playbook, we will all come from behind, we will all be stronger, better smarter and, as a Nation, just like the Pittsburgh Steelers, we will win.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to my distinguished colleague from the State of Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Growing up in Steeler country, I have long viewed the franchise the golden standard of the NFL. Now in their sixth Super Bowl title the entire world knows what we in central and western Pennsylvania have known for some time, the Steelers are the greatest professional football franchise of all time.

From the ownership to the coaching staff, the players, the fans, the Steelers organization continues to impress me, both on and off the field. Their commitment to enriching the lives of western Pennsylvania's youth and their partnership with the community is as strong today as it was in 1933 when Arthur J. Rooney first founded the team.

To the Rooney family and the team, Coach Tomlin, who I may add is the youngest head coach in history to win a world championship, my good friend from Florida and classmate TOM ROONEY, on behalf of the Fifth District of Pennsylvania, congratulations, and thank you for everything that you do for central and western Pennsylvania.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, we continue to reserve.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to my distinguished colleague from the State of Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

Mr. KIRK. I might just ask the leadership why we're debating this resolution, taking time away from serious debate on the hidden stimulus bill. Why, as the economy tanks, congressional leaders are voting to borrow \$2 trillion, but we're debating National Engineers Week and a football resolution.

Now I watched the game and it was a good game, but it's not our core mission. We should be debating the \$2 billion appropriation for, "neighborhood stabilization" available to organizations currently under criminal scrutiny like ACORN, a new wellness fund or a government medical effectiveness board now with powers to override decisions of you and your doctor.

When we take up resolutions like this, it's because we are trying to distract Members and the American people from knowing what they cannot read in the stimulus bill. We can debate the Super Bowl, but you know, the results are not in doubt. What we ought to be debating is should we borrow \$2 trillion on behalf of the American people and does anyone have that cash.

We debate Engineer Week instead of asking the Fed when you "monetize" debt, doesn't that really mean you're printing money?

It's resolutions like this that weaken the reputation of the U.S. House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Illinois an additional minute.

Mr. KIRK. It's resolutions like this that weaken the image of this Congress as a serious legislative body. Let's take another look at resolutions like these for what they really are, distractions so that we do not see what is currently happening behind closed doors on the stimulus bill, the growing debt of our country, and decisions by Federal officials to begin printing money.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, may I inquire how many more speakers the gentleman has?

Mr. CHAFFETZ. None.

Mr. LYNCH. We will reserve the balance of our time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 110, and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Again, I ask that all Members support the underlying Reso-

lution 110, congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers on their Super Bowl championship.

I yield back.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 110.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 112) supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 112

Whereas heart disease affects adult men and women of every age and race in the United States;

Whereas heart disease continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States;

Whereas an estimated 80,000,000 adult Americans, nearly one in every 3, have one or more types of heart disease, including high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, and congenital heart defects;

Whereas extensive clinical and statistical studies have identified major and contributing factors that increase the risk of heart disease;

Whereas these studies have identified the following as major risk factors that cannot be changed: Age (the risk of developing heart disease gradually increases as people age; advanced age significantly increases the risk), gender (men have greater risk of developing heart disease than women), and heredity (children of parents with heart disease are more likely to develop it themselves; African-Americans have more severe high blood pressure than Caucasians and therefore are at higher risk; the risk is also higher among Latina Americans, some Asian-Americans, and Native Americans and other indigenous populations);

Whereas these studies have identified the following as major risk factors that Americans can modify, treat, or control by changing their lifestyle or seeking appropriate medical treatment: High blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, smoking tobacco products and exposure to tobacco smoke, physical inactivity, obesity, and diabetes mellitus;

Whereas these studies have identified the following as contributing risk factors that Americans can also take action to modify, treat or control by changing their lifestyle or seeking appropriate medical treatment: Individual response to stress, excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of certain illegal drugs, and hormone replacement therapy;

Whereas more than 106,000,000 adult Americans have high blood pressure;

Whereas more than 37,000,000 Americans have cholesterol levels of 240 mg/dL or higher, the level at which it becomes a major risk factor;

Whereas an estimated 43,000,000 Americans put themselves at risk for heart disease every day by smoking cigarettes;

Whereas data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that more than 65 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity, and more than 39 percent are not physically active at all;

Whereas 66 percent of adult Americans are overweight or obese;

Whereas 24 million adult Americans have diabetes and 65 percent of those so afflicted will die of some form of heart disease;

Whereas the American Heart Association projects that in 2009 1,200,000 Americans will have a first or recurrent heart attack and 452,000 of these people will die as a result;

Whereas in 2009 approximately 800,000 Americans will suffer a new or recurrent stroke and 160,000 of these people will die as a result;

Whereas advances in medical research have significantly improved our capacity to fight heart disease by providing greater knowledge about its causes, innovative diagnostic tools to detect the disease, and new and improved treatments that help people survive and recover from this disease;

Whereas Congress by Joint Resolution approved on December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 843; 36 U.S.C. 101), has requested that the President issue an annual proclamation designating February as "American Heart Month";

Whereas the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, and many other organizations celebrate "National Wear Red Day" during February by "going red" to increase awareness about heart disease as the leading killer of women; and

Whereas every year since 1964 the President has issued a proclamation designating the month February as "American Heart Month": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

On behalf of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,